

HERB BROOKS

• Mr. COLEMAN. Mr. President, I am proud to recognize and pay tribute to my good friend, a great Minnesotan, and a real American hero, the late Herb Brooks, whose memory, accomplishments, and contributions are being memorialized today for all time in St. Paul.

Herb Brooks and I came from two different worlds. I am so glad I got to know him in this place. Like a lot of sports fans, he gave me the greatest spectator moment of my life in Lake Placid. But what he has taught me about life is so much more significant.

Herb was a son of the East Side of Saint Paul. It's neighborhood that has produced mayors, Governors, and two Supreme Court justices. I wonder if there is a neighborhood that has touched more lives for good than the East Side.

Herb had a lot to say, and not all of it would go in a PG movie. He told his hockey team, "Gentlemen, we're not talented enough to win on talent alone." That was pretty autobiographical, I think.

Tonight, we in Minnesota, Herb's home State that loved him so much, have the honor to unveil a permanent tribute to Herb's remarkable career, a career devoted not only to athletic excellence, but character and integrity. Then, we get to relive and relish the moment that reminded all Americans to start believing in miracles again at a screening of the new Hollywood feature film "The Miracle," based on the USA hockey team's shining moment in Lake Placid under Herb Brooks.

I learned a great deal about leadership from Herb Brooks. He was not a man of many words, but when Herb spoke, people listened, because what he had to say was always profound.

More importantly than what Herb said was what he did. He was the kind of leader we need more of, the kind that leads by example. Herb Brooks lived an amazing, remarkable life. He is a hero of mine, and was to millions of other Americans.

But what summed Herb Brooks up for me was this Brookism: "Everybody is important, but not too important." That was how he articulated his team concept.

If we could all go through life seeing every person we meet as important and not seeing ourselves as too important—who knows, maybe there would be a lot more miracles.

Herb will always be remembered in the hearts and minds of my fellow Minnesotans. But tonight we unveil a statue—in a city that Herb loved and loved him back—that will forever immortalize Herb Brooks's image in Minnesota history. This is a wonderful tribute, and one I am deeply honored to be a part of.●

FIGHTIN' BLUE HENS CELEBRATE NATIONAL FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

• Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, in my 33 years as a U.S. Senator from Delaware, I have had the opportunity to give hundreds of speeches on the Senate floor, but today is a first. It gives me tremendous pride today to officially congratulate my alma mater, the University of Delaware, on winning its first-ever NCAA Division I-AA National Football Championship.

Players, fans, and students will celebrate this milestone in the University of Delaware's history at a rally on Tuesday, February 10, 2004, at the Bob Carpenter Center. And we have much more than the national championship to celebrate. The Fightin' Blue Hens played one of the most outstanding seasons in college football history, with a record of 15 and 1 and setting a school record for victories in a season.

After clinching their seventh Atlantic 10 Football Conference championship, the 2003 squad sailed through the Division I-AA playoff, outscoring opponents by a combined score of 149 to 23. In fact, they won the championship game by shutting down Colgate 42 to 0. You can be sure I attended every play-off game, along with tens of thousands of other devoted Blue Hen fans.

As I said earlier, this marks the University of Delaware's first Division I-AA title crown, but we earned six other football titles as a Division II school. The last Division II title in 1979 was significant because our current coach, K.C. Keeler, played on that 1979 championship team as a linebacker.

In just his second year at the helm of UD football, K.C. Keeler took his team to the national championship; but, K.C. is the first to give his predecessor, legendary Hall of Fame coach Tubby Raymond, all the credit for recruiting and building this team. Tubby, this championship is yours, too.

To be sure, UD football has come a long way since the 1960s when I was at the University. But at a time when we all need some good news, the 2003 University of Delaware football team has given our State plenty to cheer about. My warmest congratulations to the coaches, players, parents, school officials, cheerleaders, marching band members, students, and, of course, the diehard fans, as we celebrate being national football champions.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate communities.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:57 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3030. An act to amend the Community Service Block Grant Act to provide for quality improvements.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 355. Concurrent resolution congratulating the University of Delaware men's football team for winning the National Collegiate Athletic Association I-AA national championship.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 3030. An act to amend the Community Service Block Grant Act to provide for quality improvements; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 355. Concurrent resolution congratulating the University of Delaware men's football team for winning the National Collegiate Athletic Association I-AA national championship; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-6167. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and designation of acting officer for the position of Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development received on January 20, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6168. A communication from the Assistant Director, Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Comptroller of the Currency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rules, Policies, Procedures for Corporate Activities" received on January 20, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6169. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determination; 68 FR 69961" (44 CFR Part 67) received on January 20, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6170. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determination; 68 FR 69323" (44 CFR Part 65) received on January 20, 2004;